

MANCHESTER 17 MCC LTD : DEAD EASY TRIAL, SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2013.
HASLINS, HIGH EDGE, NEAR BUXTON.

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Manchester 17 MCC held the latest of their Dead Easy trials last Sunday at the popular venue of Haslins on the outskirts of Buxton.

The course plotting team arrived on the Saturday not sure what to find as this area is very high up and exposed and because of the snow the event had been in doubt earlier in the week.

Bright sunshine and relatively warm temperatures were not expected! However there were still pockets of deep snow, up to ten feet in places which meant that some of the usual terrain could not be used.

Trying to second guess the weather for the following day was also difficult.

By and large it turned out on the day just about right. Again, sunshine and a warm day greeted the fifty nine riders who signed on to battle with the four laps of ten sections, over a lengthy lap which gives the riders chance to stretch their legs. A keen frost the night before made a couple of the sections more interesting than intended, frozen ground under grass, on limestone, being a heady cocktail!

The first three sections were relatively straight forward on both routes, but section four on the harder route began to take marks. The turn and off camber descent meant throttle control and right line were imperative.

Andrew Slack on a twin shock Fantic had a very good day making light of the conditions and going round for a loss of three dabs. One of these was on section eight, the other section on the harder route which made riders think as they coped with the turns and twists on the grass covered limestone .Then came a clutch of riders all very close, Tony Pratt on ten on a modern Beta, followed one mark behind by Rob Bowyer on his trusty Triumph twin. Hard on their heels was Neil Marsh on twelve, it really could not have been a lot closer.

Wilf Couldwell made his customary long trip from South Wales worthwhile by going clean on the easy route. Dave Hedison must have rued his slack dab on section two, his only loss of the day, with Daniel Renshaw in third place on a loss of three marks.

RESULTS

HARDER ROUTE

Andrew Slack (Fantic) 3, Tony Pratt (Beta) 10, Rob Bowyer (Triumph) 11, Neil Marsh (Gas Gas) 12, Terry Harvey (Gas Gas) 17, Mike Finch (Gas Gas) 20, Edward Wain (Montesa) 20,

EASY ROUTE

Wilf Couldwell (Beta) clean, Dave Hedison (Gas Gas) 1, Daniel Renshaw (Gas Gas) 3, Phil Granby (BMS Scorpa) 8. Ant Harris (Montesa)11, Scott Hipwell (Beta) 11